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Sir:

In response to the Official Action mailed September 22, 2005, Applicants petition for a two month extension of time, extending the date for response to and including February 22, 2006, submit the requisite fee therefor, and request that the following remarks be considered and the referenced application be amended as shown below.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.